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CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION
Organizational session
26-29 January 1993
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the first substantive session.

4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its organizational session.

Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

In paragraph 6 of its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, the General Assembly decided that the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee would consist of a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur, each of the five regional groups being represented by one member.

In paragraph 2 of the same resolution, the General Assembly also welcomed the candidature of Ambassador Bo Kjellen (Sweden) for the chairmanship of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 47/188, the General Assembly decided to establish under its auspices an intergovernmental negotiating committee for

the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, with a view to finalizing such a convention by June 1994. In paragraph 6 of the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that provisions should be made for an organizational session of up to one week, to be held in New York not later than February 1993.

Accordingly, the organizational session will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 26 to 29 January 1993.

(a) Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda is contained in the present document.

(b) Organization of work:

(i) Rules of procedure

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 47/188, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, through the head of the ad hoc secretariat, to prepare draft rules of procedure to be considered by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its organizational session.

The draft rules of procedure are contained in document A/AC.241/2.

(ii) Subsidiary organs

The Committee may wish to establish subsidiary organs, such as working groups, to assist in its work. In that case, these organs may wish to elect their own officers.

(iii) Schedule of meetings for future sessions

The Committee will have before it a tentative schedule of meetings for future sessions.

(c) Participation

In paragraph 3 of its resolution 47/188, the General Assembly decided that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly.

In paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant international organizations dealing with desertification, drought and development to make appropriate contributions to the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in the conduct of its mandate.

In paragraph 16 of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited relevant or interested organizations, organs, programmes and concerned agencies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental, subregional and regional organizations to participate actively in the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee.

In paragraph 19 of the resolution, the General Assembly invited all relevant non-governmental organizations, and especially encouraged non-governmental organizations from developing countries, to contribute constructively to the success of the negotiating process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and taking into account procedures used in the process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

3. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the first substantive session of the Committee

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda for the first substantive session of the Committee.

4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its organizational session

The Committee will adopt a report on its organizational session.